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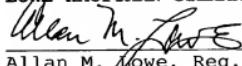
Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the listed documents be expressly considered during prosecution and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent issuing from the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the present application. No certification or fee is required.

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